each R^6 and R^7 is independently H, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, -$(CH_2)_m$(C_6-C_{10} aryl), or -$(CH_2)_m$(5-10 membered heteroaryl), wherein m is an integer ranging from 0 to 4;

each R^8 is independently H, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_2 -C_{10} alkynyl, -$(CH_2)_q$$CR^{11}R^{12}(CH_2)_r$$NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein q and r are each independently an integer ranging from 0 to 3 except q and r are not both 0, -$(CH_2)_m$(C_6-C_{10} aryl), or -$(CH_2)_m$(5-10 membered heteroaryl), wherein m is an integer ranging from 0 to 4, and wherein the foregoing R^8 groups, except H, are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R^{16} groups;

or where R^8 is as -CH_2NR^8 R^{15}, R^{15} and R^8 may be taken together to form a 4-10 membered monocyclic or polycyclic saturated ring or a 5-10 membered heteroaryl ring, wherein said saturated and heteroaryl rings optionally include 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, S and -N(R^8)-, in addition to the nitrogen to which R^{15} and R^8 are attached, said saturated ring optionally includes 1 or 2 carbon-carbon double or triple bonds, and said saturated and heteroaryl rings are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R^{16} groups;

each R^9 is independently H or C_1-C_6 alkyl;

each R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13} and R^{14} is independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, -$(CH_2)_m$(C_6-C_{10} aryl), and -$(CH_2)_m$(5-10 membered heteroaryl), wherein m is an integer ranging from 0 to 4, and wherein the foregoing R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13} and R^{14} groups, except H, are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R^{16} groups;

or R^{11} and R^{13} are taken together to form -$(CH_2)_p$- wherein p is an integer ranging from 0 to 3 such that a 4-7 membered saturated ring is formed that optionally includes 1 or 2 carbon-carbon double or triple bonds;

or R^{13} and R^{14} are taken together to form a 4-10 membered monocyclic or polycyclic saturated ring or a 5-10 membered heteroaryl ring, wherein said saturated and heteroaryl rings optionally include 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, S and -N(R^8)-, in addition to the nitrogen to which R^{13} and R^{14} are attached, said saturated ring optionally includes 1 or 2 carbon-carbon double or triple bonds, and said saturated and heteroaryl rings are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R^{16} groups;

R^{15} is H, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, or C_2-C_{10} alkynyl, wherein the foregoing R^{15} groups are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo and $-OR^9$;

each R^{16} is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, azido, $-C(O)R^{17}$, $-C(O)OR^{17}$, $-OC(O)OR^{17}$, $-NR^6C(O)R^7$, $-C(O)NR^6R^7$, $-NR^6R^7$, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-(CH_2)_m(C_6$-C_{10} aryl), and $-(CH_2)_m$(5-10 membered heteroaryl), wherein m is an integer ranging from 0 to 4, and wherein said aryl and heteroaryl substituents are optionally substituted by 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, azido, $-C(O)R^{17}$, $-C(O)OR^{17}$, $-OC(O)OR^{17}$, $-NR^6C(O)R^7$, $-C(O)NR^6R^7$, $-NR^6R^7$, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkyl, and C_1-C_6 alkoxy;

each R^{17} is independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_2-C_{10} alkynyl, $-(CH_2)_m(C_6$-C_{10} aryl), and $-(CH_2)_m$(5-10 membered heteroaryl), wherein m is an integer ranging from 0 to 4;

with the proviso that R^8 is not H where R^3 is $-CH_2SR^8$.